

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF LAKE PARK COUNCIL MEETING
3801 LAKE PARK ROAD, LAKE PARK, NC
REGULAR SESSION – 7:00 P.M.
JANUARY 9, 2007**

ATTENDING: Mayor John Ross, Mayor Pro Tem Sandy Coughlin
Council Members: Sarah Barbour, Greg Crosby,
Kendall Spence, Jo Waybright
Attorney Ken Swain
Finance Officer Cheryl Bennett
Village Clerk Cheri Clark

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor John Ross called the Regular Session of the Village of Lake Park Council to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor John Ross led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Session – December 12, 2006. Sandy Coughlin made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Jo Waybright seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sandra Perry requested that Council consider naming the small pond in front of Shirley Krisle's house – Shirley's Pond in honor of her 80th birthday. Sarah Barbour stated that in the past when similar requests have been made, the VOLP has provided a certificate signed by the Mayor. Originally the developer named the ponds and parks, since incorporation Sandy Coughlin shared that the Council has not named any of the common property. Parks and Recreation is in the process of making a recommendation to Council in reference to this matter.

Glori Perrin, Secretary of the HOA Board asked if it were possible for the HOA to have a storage cabinet in the Community Center.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: Add – 10A. Waste Collection. Kendall Spence made the motion to modify the Agenda. Greg Crosby seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

SECURITY REPORT: Sarah Barbour and Royetta Sieminski attended a workshop on gang graffiti. There is another workshop on January 22 if anyone is interested. The number of false alarms has declined. Sarah Barbour suggested that Council consider sending property owners a letter if more than two false alarms occur within a quarter as opposed to enacting a False Alarm Ordinance. Council may also want to consider moving the Community Watch line item in the budget from Public Services/Safety to Donations. There will be a Community Watch meeting in February. Sarah Barbour is also working on a booklet of the current Ordinances in the VOLP along with an index that provide a brief description of

each ordinance. All of the information will be posted on the website and hard copies will be available at the municipal office.

FINANCIAL OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORT: Cheryl Bennett presented the Budget Performance for December. The Powell Bill is budgeted and starting with December, it will also be reflected on the Budget Performance report.

TAX OFFICER'S REPORT: Cheri Clark requested \$1,369.63 in refunds for 4 properties that have paid their 2006 taxes twice. Sarah Barbour made the motion to refund the taxes to the homeowners. Greg Crosby seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous. There are 91 outstanding property parcels and 17 personal property/business parcels as of January 9th. All of the utility ad valorem has been collected for 2006.

COMMUNICATIONS: Greg Crosby is working on the next edition of the newsletter. The cutoff for articles is January 26th. The Economic Development page has been established and Greg requested from Kendall Spence formatting information for the Parks and Rec tab. Greg Crosby asked Council to consider other avenues to reach out to the citizens of Lake Park.

PARK AND RECREATION: The January Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will be on January 31st at 7:00 p.m. All of the domestic waterfowl in the VOLP have been removed. Kendall Spence made a motion for the VOLP to purchase six United States Flags, six North Carolina Flags and twelve Lake Park Flags for \$1, 848.00. Sandy Coughlin seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

STREET BUSINESS: Mayor John Ross is continuing to work on the sidewalk repair needs and hopefully will have the information soon on the curb and gutter issue from Union County.

WASTE COLLECTION: Sandy Coughlin reviewed the cost of waste collection each month. Currently, the VOLP is paying about \$19,400 a month, which is close to what was budgeted for each month. In an effort to address Waste Collection concerns, Sandy Coughlin distributed to Council a brochure for Waste Collection in the VOLP. With Budget Workshop around the corner, the VOLP may want to look at the cost of providing commercial garbage services.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Ms. Mary Helen Treece and Mr. Mark Dipple will be the guest speakers at the EDC meeting on January 16, 2007.

FLOOD MANAGEMENT PLAN RESOLUTION: Ken Swain distributed a proposed intergovernmental agreement between the VOLP and Union County concerning Flood Damage. The resolution if approved by the VOLP, would need to be approved by the County's Planning Department before the resolution could be passed by the Board of Commissioners. Sandy Coughlin made the motion to approve the agreement with the following modifications: 1. Delete e at the end of Lake Park on the second line of the first paragraph, 2. Change the last word in the first paragraph to County, 3. Under bullet 3 – last sentence change o to of. And 4. Above the signature line change the town to the Village of Lake Park. Greg Crosby seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

SET AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 13, 2007 COUNCIL MEETING: Omit 10A. Waste Management. Add 2. Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Jo Waybright wished everyone a good, healthy and happy New Year.

Mayor John Ross thanked the Council for their dedication to the Village of Lake Park.

ADJOURN: Jo Waybright made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Kendall Spence seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

John H. Ross
Mayor

Cheri S. Clark
Village Clerk